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Liberty Loggies

Multi-Disciplined Warfighters

By Col. Phillip Miller
48th Logistics Group commander

When asked to define logistics, many might say it means supply. That's true, but only partially. Some textbooks call logistics "an art and a science." That's also true, but it doesn't give the whole picture. I prefer to think of logistics as all those actions needed to perform any function. That's a fairly broad definition, and it just might explain why the logistics group is the biggest in the Liberty Wing. The six squadrons in the 48th Logistics Group perform well in many disciplines, and this edition of the Jet 48 tells you about how proudly we do our jobs and, more importantly, how Liberty Loggies contribute to the warfighting capabilities of the 48th Fighter Wing.

The 48th Contracting Squadron at RAF Feltwell does just what its name implies, and they do it very well. As you'll read in their accompanying article, they process a tremendous number of orders which obligate more than \$12 million of our hard-earned tax dollars. As you might expect, the contracting squadron's role is to obtain goods and services so every unit in the Lakenheath and Mildenhall community can do their part to meet the mission.

After the military services receive their needed equipment and parts through the acquisition process (also an important logistics function), those items are received by the 48th Supply Squadron for storage and ultimate distribution to the end user. Stop and think -- if you've worn it, driven it, written on or with it, filled your tank with it, e-mailed it, sawed wood with it, fired it, or eaten it, chances are good it came to you through the supply squadron. Their numbers are equally impressive -- 33,000 different types of items worth

more than \$477 million -- all representing the tremendous capabilities of the supply squadron.

It's a safe bet that everything we use will have to be repaired or modified sometime during its life cycle, and the 1,200 maintainers in the 48th Component Repair Squadron, 48th Logistics Support Squadron, and 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron do just that. Our logistics group maintainers have put together an enviable record of excellence by making sure our Eagles stay healthy and by ensuring all munitions (\$474 million worth) are available in the right numbers and ready to function if and when we're called on to "reach out and touch someone."

In fact, the combined maintenance team of the logistics group and operations group was so good, they won the 1995 Air Force Maintenance Daedalian Trophy and the 1996 Phoenix Award for the best maintenance in the entire Department of Defense. No small feat.

The last unit mentioned is the 48th Transportation Squadron, but I don't think anyone will agree they're not important. If anyone doubts the significance of our transporters' role, I'll ask them to try going TDY without travel assistance offered by the Scheduled Airline Ticket Office, or imagine your next PCS without inspectors to ensure your household goods are properly packed, or think how difficult it would be to do the many functions performed on base without our 800 assigned military vehicles. It's not hard to imagine that things would come to a quick halt and mission accomplishment would suffer.

Contracting, supply, maintenance, and transportation -- significant roles performed by the 1,800 professional Liberty Wing Loggies. Obviously, our Air Force is a team within a team, and there's no possible way we could function without the contributions of every member -- especially the multi-disciplined war-fighters of the 48th Logistics Group.



Surety inspection countdown

17 days

48th Logistics Group

Commander



Col. Phillip Millir, Jr.
Time in service: 26 years
Time on station: 16 months
DEROS: June 1999

Deputy Commander



Lt. Col. Roger Baxter III
Time in service: 21 years
Time on station: Three years
DEROS: May 1998

Logistics Support Squadron

Commander



Maj. Dennis Perez
Time in service: 16 years
Time on station: One year
DEROS: June 1999

Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Commander



Lt. Col. John Harris
Time in service: 17 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: August 1998

Component Repair Squadron

Commander



Lt. Col. John Pronk
Time in service: 18 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: July 1998

First Sergeant



MSgt. Chester Hawkins
Time in service: 18 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: August 2000

First Sergeant



SMSgt. James Agnew
Time in service: 21 years
Time on station: Four years
DEROS: May 1998

First Sergeant



MSgt. Patrick Doan
Time in service: 21 years
Time on station: Eight years
DEROS: October 1999

Supply Squadron

Commander



Maj. Phillip Frederick
Time in service: 15 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: October 1998

First Sergeant



SMSgt. Gary Shirley
Time in service: 19 years
Time on station: 1 months
DEROS: August 2000

Transportation Squadron

Commander



Maj. John McQueen
Time in service: 15 years
Time on station: One year
DEROS: June 1998

First Sergeant



MSgt. Clent Hood
Time in service: 19 years
Time on station: Nine months
DEROS: December 1999

Contracting Squadron

Commander



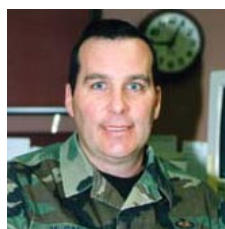
Maj. Arthur Brown
Time in service: 15 years
Time on station: One year
DEROS: July 1999

First Sergeant



MSgt. Thomas Donnelly
Time in service: 18 years
Time on station: 27 months
DEROS: June 1998

Logistics Group Chiefs



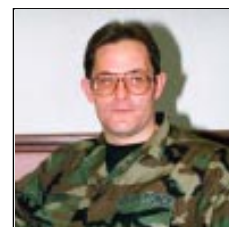
CMSgt. Robert McCall
TMDE flight chief
Time in service: 23 years
Time on station: 20 months
DEROS: January 1999



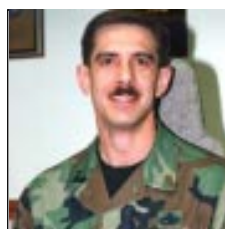
CMSgt. Mike Magee
Squadron maintenance chief
Time in service: 20 years
Time on station: 28 months
DEROS: June 1998



CMSgt. Joe D'andria
Time in service: 19 years
Avionics flight chief
Time on station: Four months
DEROS: June 2000



CMSgt. Wesley Traver
Vehicle operations manager
Time in service: 19 years
Time on station: 18 months
DEROS: October 1997



CMSgt. Kenneth Passno
Chief, vehicle maintenance
Time in service: 22 years
Time on station: One year
DEROS: February 1999



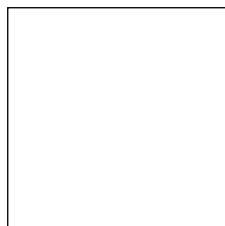
CMSgt. Al Johnson
Chief, combat operations support flight
Time in service: 22 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: December 1998



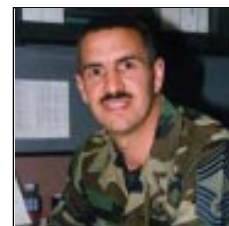
CMSgt. Gail Stringer
Chief, management and systems flight
Time in service: 21 years
Time on station: Two years
DEROS: October 1998



CMSgt. Lee Fish
EMS maintenance supervisor
Time in service: 25 years
Time on station: 15 months
DEROS: June 2000



CMSgt. Terry Kennison
Chief, quality assurance
Time in service: 24 years
Time on station: 1 year
DEROS: March 1998



CMSgt. William Rozzo
Munitions flight chief
Time in service: 19 years
Time on station: Four months
DEROS: May 2000

48th Logistics Support Squadron

By Maj. Dennis Perez
48th Logistics Support Squadron

The 48th Logistics Support Squadron is a proud team of logistics professionals providing training and technical support to the 48th Logistics and Operations Groups. It was formed in 1992, making it a young squadron, but its impact has been tremendous.

The operations flight is the most diverse flight incorporating several key 48th LG functions such as monitoring all facets of the group's 141 facilities valued at more than \$50 million, running the personnel program that controls and monitors distribution of more than 1,700 maintenance technicians, and administering the 48th Fighter Wing's reports of survey program. Additionally, the group's resource advisor and depot level repairable program administrator intensely work a \$2.6 million operation and maintenance group budget and a \$33 million group DLR program. Rounding out the operations flight is the engine management element, which monitors status and forecast and tracks life-limited components and time compliance technical orders

affecting all the F100-PW-220 and F100-PW-229 engines for the wing's fleet of F-15C and F-15E fighter jets.

The maintenance training flight manages all aircraft and ancillary training for more than 2,800 personnel assigned to the 48th OG and 48th LG and manages aircraft and support equipment valued at more than \$90 million. Additionally, they develop and manage training courses using the instructional system design process while working with the local Air Education and Training Command Maintenance Training Detachment and base education office.

The quality assurance team is administratively assigned to the 48th LSS and makes recommendations to the 48th LG commander to enhance the quality of both on and off equipment maintenance in support of the wing's assigned F-15s. They provide managers with an independent assessment of the quality of maintenance performed and identify performance trends, assess compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Their Gold Flag program seeks, researches and develops opportunities to locally repair supply assets, thereby increasing combat ca-

pability and sustenance. Finally, quality assurance personnel are key to the wing's readiness to mobilize and survive-to-operate by providing expert technical augmentees to local inspection teams.

Rounding out the 48th LSS are the group quality and local area network managers. The LAN manager represents the 48th Logistics Group commander on issues relating to the group's 600-plus computers and is the collection point for issues raised by both the squadron working group managers and the wing network control center. He also provides technical/maintenance support for network and computer problems encountered by group users. The 48th LG quality improvement advisor is the group commander's principle advisor on Quality Air Force issues and facilitates the 48th LG executive council through the Air Force 11-step strategic planning model. While the commander directs the team, his job is to observe how they interact and make decisions.



48th Contracting Squadron

By Capt. Kristen Nelson
48th Contracting Squadron

The 48th Contracting Squadron is one of a handful of 48th Fighter Wing organizations who support units and personnel other than those within this wing. Besides the Liberty Wing, the squadron's 45 personnel also provide base-level contracting for RAF Mildenhall, 3rd Air Force staff, 627th Air Mobility Terminal, 352nd Special Operations Group, Department of Defense Schools in the United Kingdom, and the Defense Commissary Agency in the UK. Contingency contracting officers deploy with both wings, the SOG, and 3rd Air Force staff, and U.S. Air Force in Europe taskings for exercises and real world missions.

Whether it's having the office waste bin emptied, the computer on your desk, the ability to buy auto insurance on base, or the choir director at the base chapel, every person is affected by contracting. To contract for these diverse services, the 48th Contracting Squadron has three flights: commodities contracting, service contracting, and management analysis and systems; plus the commander's staff and orderly room.

The commodities contracting flight buys all supply and equipment items as well as one-time and recurring services costing less than \$100,000. By the end of fiscal year 97, the flight will have awarded more than 5,000 contracts and purchase orders valued at more than \$12 million.

Additionally, the flight manages the revo-



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Right, SrA. Gary Wilke, contract repair, discusses a contract with SSgt. Mark Aldridge, 48th Support Group.

lutionary International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card program. Every wing organization should maintain and use the IMPAC as the preferred purchase method for the bulk of commercial items and services under \$2,500. The two managers of this outstanding program train and advise more than 500 card holders and approving officials at RAF Lakenheath, Mildenhall and several DOD agencies throughout the United Kingdom and Norway. Recently, the Chief of Staff established an Air Force goal of using the IMPAC card for 90 percent of eligible purchases. Our program currently stands at more than 80 percent use of the IMPAC. The flight's most notable program to increase IMPAC use is the annual vendor demonstration fair. The event provides an opportunity for vendors to meet current and potential government customers and display their goods and services.

The service contracting flight awards and

administers service contracts valued at more than \$45 million. This flight is responsible for base service contracts such as building janitorial, fleet services and bird control on the flight line. This flight is also responsible for contract quality assurance. The quality assurance evaluator program provides training to organization quality evaluators to ensure proper government surveillance and contractor performance.

The management analysis and systems flight operates the squadron's computer network and automated systems. They also provide the commander with essential reports to track squadron workload and productivity. Additionally, they are the webmaster for the squadron's internet and intranet customer education web sites.

Feltwell contracting, as we are commonly called, is a leader in USAFE contracting. In 1996, the squadron was selected as the USAFE winner for six out of 11 contracting award categories, including best operational contracting squadron. MSgt. Thomas Donnelly and Candy Lindsey were also recipients of Air Force level contracting awards.

The squadron is set for new challenges in 1998. These include new acquisition streamlining initiatives and trends toward use of commercial business practices and deployment of outsourcing studies on both bases.



48th Component Repair Squadron

*Maintaining weapons,
support systems*

By CMSgt. Mike Magee
48th Component Repair Squadron

The 48th Component Repair Squadron is one of the most technically diverse maintenance squadrons in the world. The squadron maintains some of the most sophisticated aircraft weapons and support systems in the Air Force inventory, support, to not only the 48th Fighter Wing, but also to the entire European theater.

Nineteen-ninety six proved to be another busy year for the Liberty Wing, deploying more than 1,300 personnel and 800 tons of cargo to numerous real-world contingencies and major exercises. At times during the year, CRS simultaneously supported home station flying, two deployments, and a major training exercise.

The propulsion flight performs maintenance on the mature and reliable Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 engine and the newer F100-PW-229 engine. They produced a record high of 203 engines, and despite chronic Air Force-wide parts shortages and more than 2,000 critical time compliance technical order changes, consistently outpaced the wing's aggressive operational requirements.



A1C Toby Jones checks equipment in the 48th Component Repair Squadron's pneudraulics shop.

The avionics flight exceeded all low altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night mission-capable rates for the second consecutive year, leading all Air Force units. The micro-electronics repair laboratory avoided \$1.6 million in depot-level repair costs, attaining an 81-percent

repair rate on 407 critical circuit cards and preventing 116 nonmission-capable conditions. Automatic and manual test stations repaired more than 3,000 line replaceable units saving the wing millions of dollars.

The accessory maintenance flight provided flightline support to the wing's three fighter squadrons, ensuring the safe launch and recovery of more than 10,000 sorties at home and deployed. Shop technicians created new F-15E nose landing gear strut rebuild procedures which depot engineers approved, eliminating a six-month parts backlog.

The test measurement diagnostic equipment flight achieved a 97-percent compliance rate on a measurement capability assessment and received full certification during the Aerospace Guidance and Metrology Center audit. They directly supported more than 17,400 line-items at 280 work centers in the United Kingdom, North Africa and Southwest Asia.

In 1996, the dynamic men and women of the 48th Component Repair Squadron continued to significantly increase wing combat capability while reducing operating costs and improving quality of support to all their customers at home and abroad.



Photos by Amn. Joseph Lozada

A1C Johnson Carson makes quick repairs in the 48th Component Repair Squadron's electrical environmental shop.



48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Maintaining the most sophisticated weapons in the Air Force

By MSgt. Ray Vaughn
48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron is the largest and most technically diverse squadron in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. This year, 579 dedicated EMS people from 12 different Air Force specialties maintained the most sophisticated weapons systems in the Air Force's inventory. They provided exceptional support to two F-15E and one F-15C/D fighter squadrons, permitting them to realize their maximum combat capability while simultaneously meeting worldwide commitments. EMS's outstanding support enabled the 48th Fighter Wing to achieve the best F-15 mission-capable rates in the Air Force.

The squadron demonstrated its flexibility when it changed missions from the cold war — fight-in-place anachronism, to the present-day — flexible air expeditionary force. It provided flawless cross-servicing deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, while enforcing the United Nation's mandated no-fly zone over northern Iraq. These professionals sustained 100 combat sorties while deployed to Zaragoza AB, Spain, for Exercise Matorador, honed war-fighting skills during the six-week, multinational exercise Maple Flag, deployed to Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia, to help generate 2,500 combat sorties enforcing the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, and established bare-base transient aircraft support capability while deployed to Camp Pleso in Zagreb, Croatia. EMS demonstrated engagement with a North African country while deployed to Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, for the African

Eagle exercise. While directly supporting numerous off-station contingencies and exercises, EMS provided uninterrupted support at home to continue important aircrew training.

The squadron exceeded all host-nation explosive safety requirements during the March Ministry of Defence weapons standardization team inspection earning praise for "flawless" vault operations, publications and fire response, and received the highest possible rating. Its exceptional sortie generation and munitions delivery contributed heavily to the excellent rating achieved in the May USAFE Standardization Evaluation Inspection.

The squadron's exceptional safety practices resulted, again, in the highest rating possible for the July MOD explosive safety inspection. In October 1996 and May 1997, the Air Force Audit Agency performed in-depth audits of EMS' \$570 million conventional stockpile and both audits revealed zero defects while rating stockpile management outstanding.

The squadron was the backbone behind the wing's success during the October 1996 Phase II North Atlantic Treaty Organization tactical evaluation. Its munitions assembly team and weapons supervisor earned the NATO Certificate of Commendation for their significant contributions toward the Liberty Wing's "re-



Photos by SSgt. Bruce Hamilton

From left, SSgt. James Wells, A1C Greg Roberts, SrA. Billie Millard and A1C Tim Raabe tighten the retaining ring on a GBU-10.

markable display of combat capability."

EMS excelled at meeting the unique challenges of a unit placed at the crossroads of established and emerging democracies. It supported the Air Force's most demanding operations tempo as resources were spread from the United Kingdom to Africa to Saudi Arabia. EMS's accomplishments clearly served as a catalyst for the wing's success as they launched productivity initiatives, improved weapons system performance, and spearheaded operational deployments. It performed at an unsurpassed level while setting a new standard of excellence for others to follow.

EMS will face many challenges during the next year. The squadron's most recent and probably toughest challenge will be this month's USAFE surety inspection. Although it's a wing inspection, EMS has a considerable role in ensuring its success. In May 1998, EMS will face a fairly new inspection — the USAFE inspector general functional inspection. This inspection is very similar to the old unit effectiveness inspection. However, the functional inspection will not only be concerned with compliance, but will also focus on quality improvement. While preparing for and undergoing these inspections, EMS will simultaneously be supporting operational deployments and supporting home base mission requirements.



From left, Amn. Andrew Goodman, SrA. Thomas Childress and Amn. Terence Rogers load AIM-9 and AIM-120 air-to-air missiles onto a MHU-141 trailer.

48th Logistics Group

Mission

Providing the 48th Fighter Wing with essential resources for responsive air combat power . . . training people, and acquiring, distributing, maintaining and transporting the best possible equipment, spare parts, supplies and vehicles.

Vision

Logistics professionals, advancing organizational and technological excellence, to create unmatched 48th Fighter Wing combat capability into the 21st century.



Jean Garrod assists a customer at the 48th Tr SATO office.



Photo by SSgt. Val Weaver

A1C Paul Kaehler, 492nd Fighter Squadron, cleans an F-15 at the 48th EMS' wash rack.



Photo by SSgt. Bruce Ham

From left, MSgt. Glenn Parker, SSgt. Jeff Huffman and SrA. Ro Lewis, 48th EMS, prepare a pallet for shipment.



Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada
Transportation Squadron's



Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis
A1C Isaac Clemente, 48th Component Repair Squadron, checks equipment with an oscilloscope at the precision measurement equipment laboratory at RAF Feltwell.



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Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada
SrA. Lawrence Davidson, 48th Supply Squadron, moves hazardous materials at the squadron's pharmacy.



48th Supply Squadron



TSgt. Lavorce Crane, left, goes over an AFI with Amn. Nichole Lamont.



Photos by Amn. Joseph Lozada

SSgt. Ronald Doll, left, and SrA. Lawrence Davidson, 48th Supply Squadron, stock shelves at the hazardous material pharmacy.

Buying, stocking and delivering the Wing to meet the mission

**By Capt. Traci Madison
48th Supply Squadron**

The 48th Supply Squadron takes pride in providing outstanding supply support to the men and women who maintain and operate 52 F-15E Strike Eagles and 20 F-15C Eagles, the Air Force's premier air superiority fighters. These liberty warriors are the hub of mission support, proudly servicing more than 25 squadrons and five tenant units, as well as supporting contingency operations throughout the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. To meet the demanding needs of the wing, the supply squadron buys, stocks, and delivers more than 33,000 line items valued at \$477 million. Additionally, they manage more than 372 custodial equipment accounts, valued at \$391 million, and an aviation and ground fuel budget of \$30 million. Their support and services are reflected in their mission statement; "Sustain the Liberty Wing mission through quality supply and fuels support."

The unit is on a continuum of quality mission support and devoted customer care. The 48th Supply Squadron will stand-up the new One-Stop operation Oct. 10 in building 1071. One Stop was developed to improve customer service and satisfaction by creating a centralized point for all key customer transaction areas. The operation will consolidate the functions of customer service, demand processing, records maintenance, research, equipment management, retail sales and limited stock control. One Stop will also feature an IMPAC center to facilitate the expedient procurement of local purchase items. When customers leave One Stop, they will know their requirements have been satisfied, and the supply squadron has met their needs.

48th Transportation Squadron

Keeping the Liberty Wing on the move

By Capt. Sarah Misiak
48th Transportation Squadron

From the time you land in England and catch the bus to RAF Lakenheath to the time you get your port call, you can be sure the squadron is behind the scenes making things happen. The 48th Transportation Squadron combines the talents of vehicle operators, vehicle maintainers, traffic management specialists and contingency support professionals to keep Lakenheath on the move. If a vehicle moves, or cargo or personnel are transported, they make it happen. The transportation team is made up of more than 160 military, Department of Defense, and Ministry of Defence members.

The squadron is divided into four flights, each playing a key role in the day-to-day running of Lakenheath. The traffic management flight gets members and their families to where they're going. The passenger section arranges more than 4,000 port calls every year, including the responsibility of the commercially-contracted airport shuttle to Gatwick and Heathrow for more than 10,000 people annually. They also help more than 200 people a year go on emergency leave. They don't stop there -- any official item shipped from Lakenheath is processed by the packing and crating section. They process nearly 200,000 items a year throughout the world. The freight section takes it from there and ships an incredible 300,000 pounds of cargo every month.

The vehicle maintenance flight maintains a vast array of more than 800 vehicles, valued at more than \$40 million dollars, ranging from commercial sedans to the large construction vehicles. These

include snow removal, aircraft tow, aircraft refueling, material handling and fire fighting equipment. This flight repairs more than 350 vehicles per month. Maintenance capabilities range from body repair to major component replacement.

The vehicle operations flight consists of two major sections: dispatch and fleet management. Dispatch is involved directly with customers and provides services such as aircrew support, taxi service, shuttle service and the U-Drive-It vehicles. Fleet management maintains accountability of all assigned vehicles and ensures effective use of vehicles by providing requesters with the right vehicles for their mission. In addition, they pull out the red carpet for more than 100 distinguished visitors a year.

The combat readiness and resources flight is a pivotal point in the wing's ability to project air power. Its main mission is to prepare the wing for mobility exercises and real world deployments. They train more than 80 personnel every month in cargo preparation, pallet build-up and hazardous cargo certification. They are the squadron's focal point in any major movement, deployment, or contingency.

This diverse squadron has been recognized many times for many accomplishments both command and Air Force wide:

- ❑ 1996 - Best Traffic Management Flight in U.S. Air Forces in Europe;
- ❑ 1995 - Best Vehicle Maintenance Flight in USAFE;
- ❑ Received commendable from NATO tactical evaluation during February 1996;
- ❑ Phase I inspection - wing received excellent rating;
- ❑ Pivotal players in wing earning highest rating during NATO's tactical evaluation Phase II in October 1996;
- ❑ Played huge role in excellent rating during 1995 surety inspection;

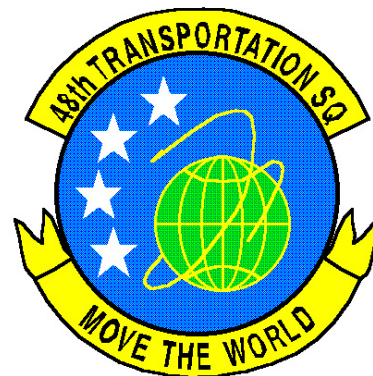


Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis

Chris Etheridge, vehicle operations, checks the tire pressure on one of the squadron's vehicles.

- ❑ 48th Logistics Group 1996 Professional Performer of the Year - civilian and company grade officer categories.

Fighters deploy to Turkey

Ninety-five short tons of equipment, 12 F-15E aircraft from the 492nd Fighter Squadron and 250 personnel from Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Supply Squadron and Component Repair Squadron deployed Tuesday and Wednesday to Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik, Turkey, to enforce the no-fly zone over Northern Iraq. The 493rd Fighter Squadron's personnel and aircraft will depart early next week. This is the 48th Fighter Wing's sixth deployment to Turkey since 1993.

Hometown holiday greeting

The Army Air Force Hometown News video team will tape video greetings 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Liberty Club. Military members and Department of Defense workers and their families can tape a video greeting to family members in the United States. Military members must be in uniform of the day. Participants should bring addresses and phone numbers of their relatives in the States. Taped greetings should include names, where the family is stationed, who the message is going to and where the relatives live. Greetings should be 10 - 15 seconds long. Military personnel who will be home on leave for the holidays are not eligible to tape a greeting. Video greetings will be sent to local television stations based on the addresses provided the video team. For more information or to make an appointment, call public affairs at Ext. 5641.

Boards approved

The Senate confirmed the calendar year 1997 major boards for line of the Air Force, CY97 lieutenant colonel board for judge advocate general and CY97 major board for chaplain Sept. 26. The following increments are effective as of Oct. 1: JAG, 1 - 3; and LAF, 1 - 215.

The following individuals were promoted to major Wednesday with the release of the new increments confirmed by the Senate:

William Ward, 492nd Fighter Squadron; William Brown, 494th Fighter Squadron; and Stephen Schwartz, 48th Operations Support Squadron.

Studlands park town meeting

Col. Stuart Ehrlich hosts a town meeting for Studlands Park residents at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Studlands Park Community Center. Representatives from housing, civil engineer, services, Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Defense Commissary Agency and security forces will attend.

Senate approves new Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Senate confirmed Gen. Michael E. Ryan as the Air Force's 16th chief of staff.

Ryan, currently commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and commander of Allied Air Forces Central Europe, also becomes the first son to follow in his father's footsteps as senior military leader of any U.S. military service. Gen. John D. Ryan served as Air Force chief of staff from 1969 to 1973.

Upon nominating Ryan for the post in July, President Clinton said Ryan "brings to the job of chief of staff broad operational and joint experience as well as proven leadership ability and a deep concern for the men and women of the U.S. Air Force."

Ryan replaces Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman as the senior military leader in the Air Force and becomes the service's representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Ryan claims San Antonio, Texas as his hometown. He entered the Air Force after graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1965.

He has commanded at the squadron, wing, numbered air force and major command levels,

and flew 149 combat missions in Southeast Asia, including 100 missions over North Vietnam.

He also served in staff assignments at the major command level, Air Force headquarters and the Joint Staff. As commander 16th Air Force and Allied Air Forces Southern Europe in Italy, he directed the NATO air combat operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina which directly contributed to the Dayton Peace Accords.

The general and his wife, Jane, have four children: Michael, Mary Kathleen, Sean and Colleen. His swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for early October.



Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada

Security Forces return

SSgt. David Farmer greets daughters Tara, 2 1/2 and Charlene, 4, Sept. 29 after returning from a four-month deployment to Taszar Hungary. Twenty-four security forces' troops deployed there to provide security and force protection for Air Force priority resources and deployed U.S. Army personnel in support of Operation Joint Guard.

Child care fees to rise

Child care fee increases take effect Oct. 27. Family income will be verified by Oct. 17 and specific information on fees, family income and the fee increase is being provided to families in the program. The fee increases are:

New child development fees
per hour, per child

Category	Fee	Increase
I (up to \$23,000)	92	Four cents
II (\$23,001 - \$34,000)	\$1.18	Eight cents
III (\$34,001 - \$44,000)	\$1.40	10 cents
IV (\$44,001 - \$55,000)	\$1.64	12 cents
V (\$55,001 up)	\$1.86	14 cents

School-age program fees
per child, per hour

Category	Fee	Increase
I	90	Two cents
II	\$1.14	Four cents
III	\$1.34	Four cents
IV	\$1.56	Four cents
V	\$1.78	Six cents

For more information call Karen DeYoe, child development program director, at Ext. 3285; Rodney Tramble, youth center director at Ext. 3180; or Heidi Welch, family member support flight chief, at Ext. 2410.

OCSC bazaar

The annual RAF Lakenheath Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club holiday bazaar is today - Sunday. There will be more than 190 vendors in three hangars. The bazaar is open from 6 - 8 p.m. tonight to military identification card holders and to the public from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

Yuletide bazaar

The RAF Mildenhall Enlisted Spouses' Club's bazaar committee needs volunteers to act as sales recorders Nov. 15 - 16. Volunteers will be offered paid baby-sitting, a chance to shop early Nov. 14 and chances to win trips and other door prizes. For more information on volunteering, call Kathryn Cole at (01638) 510117, or Chantel Lemaster at (01353) 675201.

Family child care orientation

Family child care orientation training is from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday and Oct. 14 - 16 at the RAF Mildenhall Chapel. Prospective providers must live in government housing, be 18 or older and a family member of a military or civilian employee. For more information call Ext. 3718.

Pumpkin carnival

The great pumpkin carnival begins at 5 p.m. Oct. 31 at RAF Feltwell Elementary School. All military members and their families are invited. There will be games, prizes, treats and other events.

Any squadron units or booster clubs interested in selling food or providing a

game for the carnival, or anyone interested in volunteering, should call Linda Paladini at (01842) 828671 or (01953) 885818.

RAF Croughton bazaar

The RAF Croughton bazaar is 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at RAF Croughton. Admission and parking are free.

OCSC gourmet evening

The 48th Logistics Group Spouses' Group hosts a gourmet evening beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at the officers' club. Cost is \$12.50. Make reservations by Monday to Sherry Lewis at (01284) 704-755.

DOD show

The community center hosts "Oriente," a world-beat music ensemble, from 8 - 11 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Liberty Club. The event is free and open to all military identification card holders and their guests, 18 and older. For more information call Ext. 3662.

ITT featured trips

Information, tickets and tours is highlighting the following trips for October: Mousetrap Theater Night, Oct. 22; the Robin Hood Pageant, Oct. 25; and the Nottingham Ghost Walk, Oct. 11. Tickets and tours also have several special Halloween tours. Call Ext. 2979 for more information or stop by ITT to pick up an October - November tour brochure.

Ballet instructor needed

The 48th Services Squadron needs a qualified ballet instructor for youth classes at RAF Feltwell.

Applicants must have one year teaching experience with children. For more information call Erica Riddle or Geri Beers at Ext. 2232.

Scale model show

A scale model show is from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday at the Bob Hope Community Activity Center, RAF Mildenhall. For more information call Andy Tingey at (01638) 741059.

CGOC meeting

The RAF Lakenheath company grade officers' council meets Oct. 10 at the officers' club. Annual elections for all positions will be held. Anyone interested in running for office or just attending is invited. Call Capt. Patrick Ryder at Ext. 2151 for more information.

Boss' Day balloon delivery

The community center offers balloon delivery for Boss' Day Oct. 16. Prices begin at \$6.50 and include delivery if booked 48 hours in advance. Call Ext. 2221 to place an order.

At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

Today

7 p.m. - "Wild America" (PG) Starring Jonathon Taylor Thomas and Devon Sawa. Three young brothers set out across the country with their camera.
9:30 p.m. - "My Best Friend's Wedding" (PG-13) Starring Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney. Julianne and Michael, best friends since childhood, agreed to marry each other if they were still single at age 28.

Saturday

1:30 p.m. - "Men in Black" (PG-13) Starring Tommy Jones and Will Smith. Jones and Smith work for a top secret government agency dealing with aliens on earth. The two discover a deadly intergalactic plot.

4 p.m. - "A Simple Wish" (PG) Starring Martin Short and Mara Wilson. Anabel wishes for a fairy godmother but gets Murray, a poor spellcaster, instead. Meanwhile, an evil fairy godmother tries to take over all the wishes of the world.

7 p.m. - "Men in Black" (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. - "Fire Down Below" (R) Starring Marg Helgenberger and Steven Segal. An environmental protection agent goes undercover in rural Kentucky to find who is involved behind the dumping of lethal chemicals.

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7 p.m. - "Contact" (PG) Starring Jodi Foster and Matthew McConaughey. An astronomer detects radio signals from outer space and becomes the first person to meet alien beings.

10 p.m. - "Nothing to Lose" (R) An attempt to mug an advertising executive goes awry when the businessman takes the mugger hostage.

Saturday

7 p.m. - "Contact" (PG)
10 p.m. - "The Peacemaker" (R) Starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. The theft of a nuclear weapon places Clooney and Kidman into the former Soviet Union to stop a plot aimed at terrorizing the world.

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